

PUBLIC ACCESS FUNDING WINDOW

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC ACCESS Public Access Grant Proposals – GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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***PUBLIC ACCESS** as defined in A.R.S. § 17-296, means to provide entry to publicly held lands for recreational use where such entry is consistent with the provisions establishing those lands. Publicly held lands are those federal, public and reserved lands, State Trust Lands, and other lands within the state of Arizona, owned, controlled or managed by the United States, the State of Arizona, agencies or political subdivisions thereof.*

Our intent is to fund projects that will give the greatest return for the Heritage funds invested consistent with the stated funding goals and objectives. For grant cycle year **2013** there is a total of **\$50,000** available to support **PUBLIC ACCESS grant proposals** submitted.

PUBLIC ACCESS projects for which PUBLIC ACCESS grant proposals are submitted must be consistent with one or more of the **Goals** listed below in order to be fully considered.

GOAL 1: Create, maintain or enhance wildlife-oriented recreational access (motorized or non-motorized) onto public or State Trust lands previously inaccessible to the public.

GOAL 2: Obtaining perpetual or other long-term rights-of-way to secure public access for wildlife oriented recreation where it may be jeopardized by potential land development, energy development or other land status changes.

GOAL 3: Create, maintain or enhance existing wildlife-oriented recreational access (motorized or non-motorized) onto public lands through improved design and construction methods.

GOAL 4: Education and information outreach pertaining to public access in Arizona, including ethical and responsible use of private and public lands, and opportunities for volunteerism.

GOAL 5: Realignments of existing access routes to protect sensitive habitat areas.

GOAL 6: Projects that improve anglers' access to urban fishing waters, e.g.; any improvements to walkways, parking lots, trails, ADA fishing sites, aquatic vegetation management, leases or easements to make ponds open for public use, fishing access points, shoreline stabilization or other enhancements to improve access to urban fishing waters.

NOTE: Research projects are not applicable for this funding source. Where appropriate and feasible, projects should be designed and constructed to accommodate persons with disabilities.

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